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### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **MAYOR SIGNS FIRST SOURCE SERVICE CONTRACT**

Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer and United Community Services (UCS) Director Ruth Mathews signed a contract earlier today for a First Source Employment Referral Service that will coordinate worker recruitment and provide a screening process to insure that qualified local residents receive the first opportunity at available jobs that come to the City. "This is an important step in making sure that our residents get the first crack at these jobs that will provide a sustainable wage and help raise the poverty level of this City," said Mayor Vaughn Spencer. The signing ceremony was held at the future home of the City's recycling program, the first major project that the City is bringing back from being out-sourced to an outside company.

"We look forward to working with the Mayor and the City and appreciate this opportunity to bring good jobs to the residents of Reading," said Mathews of UCS, a community based nonprofit agency. Her organization will help navigate applicants through the hiring process, assist them in finding proper training needed for the jobs, and lead them to support services to help them stay on the job. UCS will also collaborate with the City to monitor worker performances and the outcome of their placement of workers. Mayor Spencer concluded the Ceremony by dumping three containers of Recyclables into a City-owned Recycling Truck that is currently used to service the City's schools and Public Buildings.

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